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Two dead after Red Deer crash

COLLISION Two people are dead and a man is in custody after an early morning collision yesterday in Red Deer.

At about 2 a.m., Red Deer City RCMP and Red Deer Emergency Services responded to a fatal motor-vehicle collision in the south end of the city. Officials say a southbound 2001 GMC pickup truck struck an east-bound 2000 model Chrysler Neon. The female driver and the male passenger in the Neon succumbed to injuries sustained in the collision and were pronounced dead on scene.

The 22-year-old male driver and lone occupant of the pickup truck was treated and released from the hospital, but was taken into police custody. The Sedalia, Alta., man is facing charges.

Police say alcohol is believed to be a factor in the collision. **METRO EDMONTON**

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Super Bowl

'Aints no more



New Orleans Saints quarterback Drew Brees holds his son Baylen after leading the New Orleans Saints to a 31-17 win over the Indianapolis Colts last night in Super Bowl XLIV. Brees won the MVP award as the Saints won their first title in the 42-year history of the organization. More coverage, pages 2 and 9

Unequal donations

Not all charities send the entirety of donated money received to Haiti

Haiti Crisis

As Canadians continue to donate tens of millions of dollars to relief efforts in Haiti, aid organizations are scrambling to ensure as much money as possible finds its way into the devastated country.

With the federal government's window to match donations set to close Friday, charities and NGOs are hoping the incentive will give one final push to their fundraising campaigns.

But administrative costs, logistical challenges and, in a few cases, shady book-keeping mean some donations are more likely than others to end up helping survivors of last month's earthquake.

A survey of several leading aid organizations in Canada revealed that while some guarantee every dollar of every donation will be sent to the country, many take a per-

Percentages

- World Vision Canada aims to keep administration and fundraising costs at 10 per cent or less on all incoming donations.
- International Development and Relief Foundation keeps 8.5 per cent
- The Humanitarian Coalition keeps eight per cent
- UNICEF Canada anticipates keeping between two and five per cent
- Plan International Canada says 100 per cent of the money it receives for Haiti is sent to the country
- Adventist Development and Relief Agency Canada also sends 100 per cent to Haiti

centage in order to process the funds.

Once on the ground, there is still no guarantee a dollar donated will end up buying food, water, shelter or medical aid. Aid groups acknowledge enormous sums must first be spent on logistics.

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City hopes to monopolize board-game vote

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STANDINGS City officials are now playing the waiting game in eager anticipation of public voting results that could cement Edmonton's place in Canadian Monopoly.

"Edmontonians have a lot of pride, they want to see their city on the board," City of Edmonton spokesman Robert Moyles said yesterday.

The city sat in sixth place last week, a ranking earned after police officers staged a mock arrest of ex-city councillor

Michael Phair.

After the public plea for votes, the city rose from 11th place. At its lowest point, Edmonton sat in the 23rd slot.

"Edmontonians really rallied to the cause," Moyles said.

Online voting ended last night. Standings,

once public on the website, have now been concealed by Hasbro.

"I've taken the leader board away to add a little mystery to the final placement of cities on the new board," a statement on monopolyvote.ca reads.

The 20 cities with the highest number of votes

will be given a permanent home on the board.

From today until Feb. 21, voters can put in for their favourite Wildcard entry. Jasper and Banff are among the list of 20 cities, though only two will be selected.

Official results will be posted in June.

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Black's Starlite gig cancelled

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Video Employment data and debt crises in Europe leave some investors wondering how far markets will fall after a year of steady gains at metro.news.ca/world

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 Lotto 6/49: 04, 12, 14, 15, 21 & 23 Bonus 13
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Year of Tiger starts with roar

Week of Chinese New Year celebrations kicks off at festivities

ANGELIQUE RODRIGUES
 for Metro Edmonton

For many, New Year's Eve is already a distant memory, but for Edmonton's Chinese community the festivities have only just begun.

Hundreds of people flocked to West Edmonton Mall this weekend for a two-day celebration, many wearing traditional garb as they rang in the Year of the Tiger.

The Lunar New Year Extravaganza took over the Ice Palace and kicked off a week-long celebration here in Edmonton. In Asian countries like China and South Korea, it's a major holiday. There, it spans a month and is filled with carnivals and traditional games.

"In China, it is crazy! Everyone sets off fireworks in the street. It's a lot of fun," said Wendy Chui, who attended the festival with her family.

Vui Ying, whose son played the Erhu (a Chinese fiddle) in one of the many performances on Sunday, said she wants to expose her Canadian-born children to their culture and heritage.

"We come to get a little taste of what it's like in

Asia. It's the next best thing to being there," she said.

Organized by Edmonton's Chinatown Multi-Cultural Centre, the two-day event brings together local businesses and restaurants. A kind of one-stop shopping event, the marketplace has significant meaning in Chinese culture. Families replace items for their home, in the hopes that it will bring them good luck for the new year.

The week of festivities will finish on Feb. 14. Known as Chinese Valentine's day, it commemorates the official beginning of the Year of the Tiger.



Above: Students of the Shang De Tai Chi Praying Mantis Martial Arts Association perform the traditional Chinese Lion Dance with dragon costumes at the Lunar New Year Extravaganza at West Edmonton Mall yesterday.

Left: Vendors at the Lunar New Year Extravaganza sell miniature paper dragons for children to recreate the Lion Dance, a traditional Chinese performance that symbolizes prosperity.

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Immigrants choose Calgary

REPORT Immigrants who flocked to Alberta in recent years were twice as likely to end up in Calgary than Edmonton, a Statistics Canada report revealed late last week.

Demographics calculated from 2004 to 2008 indicate close to 6,000 more chose Calgary as their home each year.

Though Edmonton's growth rate was highest in 2005, the population rose by 2.46 per cent in 2008 — double the national average.

Edmonton ranks third in fastest-growing Canadian cities, falling behind Calgary and Saskatoon.

METRO EDMONTON

Super Bowl fans make it a night

FOOTBALL Fans, jerseys and general Super Bowl madness took over Bourbon Street in West Edmonton Mall yesterday.

Les Johansen, general manager of Hooters Restaurant, said that Super Bowl Sunday has become their biggest day for sales, edging out other popular holidays like Halloween and St. Patrick's Day.

"The Super Bowl crowd is great. We have to schedule a lot of extra staff to handle it because every year, we're packed," he said.

The popular chain has

great deals on food for Super Bowl night but shies away from discounting liquor.

"We're in the mall, so we can't control when people leave and hop in their car," said Johansen. "We don't discount liquor because we find that it just promotes drinking and driving."

Hooters does offer half-time games and prize draws, which they say helps to engage the non-sports fans who may be attending.

Gord Law, an Indianapolis Colts fan, said he didn't mind bringing his non-

sports fan friends to the game, because it is all in good fun.

"But come hockey season? Look out!" he warned. "That stuff is life or death."

Canadians love their hockey, but John Marcille has a homegrown reason to cheer for the New Orleans Saints.

"Rueben Mayes, he's from North Battleford, Saskatchewan," said Marcille. "He's my Canadian content."

ANGELIQUE RODRIGUES/
FOR METRO EDMONTON

News in brief

WETASKIWIN Five days after his two young sons were found dead in their bathtub, Curtis McConnell gripped both sides of the podium at

his church Saturday and told 500 mourners what he'll remember most about his boys was what they gave back. "As every parent knows,

the most pure thing is a child's love," McConnell, 31, said. Police have not released a cause of death.

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Activist denied entry to Canada

The Olympic Resistance Network says an anti-Olympic activist from Chicago was denied entry to Canada Saturday at Vancouver's airport. They say Martin Macias Jr. was questioned by Canadian officials before being put on a flight to Seattle. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Canada



Layton forced to cancel

Health issues forced Jack Layton to miss his first scheduled appearance since announcing he has cancer. Layton was scheduled to attend two public events Saturday, but health concerns forced him to trim it back to one. The 59-year-old NDP leader revealed Friday he has prostate cancer. He has vowed to beat it and stay on as leader of the New Democrats and MP for Toronto-Danforth. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

MP's office blocked report

Bureaucrat's aide moved to stop release of real-estate doc

A federal cabinet minister's aide killed the release of a sensitive report requested under freedom-of-information legislation.

A bureaucrat had to make a mad dash to the department's mailroom last July to retrieve the report at under orders from a senior aide to then-Public Works minister Christian Paradis.

The order was issued by Sebastien Togneri, Paradis' parliamentary affairs director, in an email after he was told the file was on its way

"Well unrelease it."

Sebastien Togneri, minister's aide

to The Canadian Press, which had requested it.

"Well unrelease it," Togneri said in a July 27 email to a senior official in the department's Access to Information section.

"What's the point of asking for my opinion if you're just going to release it!"

The document was an annual report on the real-estate portfolio, which con-

tained information on high vacancy rates and weak returns on investment. Such reports had never been made public before.

The department's real-estate branch had consented to the full release, and the Access to Information office at Public Works had determined after consultation there was no legal basis to withhold any of it.

The file, though, was deemed "sensitive" — partly because it was a media request — and was sent to the Conservative minister's of-

fice for review. The office initially gave the green light, but had a change of heart on the very day it was being mailed out.

In the end, the department released only a heavily censored — 82 days later than allowed under the law. The final release included just 30 pages out of 137.

Internal documents showing how Public Works handled the file were released to The Canadian Press under the Access to Information Act.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Lax reporting found in native fishery program, audit says

SPENDING A \$59-million federal program to train native fisheries managers lacked key reporting controls to track spending and results, says an internal audit.

The Aboriginal Aquatic Resource and Oceans Management program was launched in 2004.

Its goals include training aboriginal groups in coastal and watershed areas to help manage precious resources and protect species at risk.

An internal audit released under the Access to Information Act found several flaws in the way reporting requirements were structured.

It assessed 12 fiscal reports. They accounted for almost \$13 million of the \$59 million in federal funds the program received over five years ending in 2009.

Of those 12 statements, the audit found "only five

"This lack of complete financial statements makes it more difficult for employees ... to identify financial risks."

Audit statement

(42 per cent of the sample) included all the financial information — the auditor's report, balance sheet, income statement" and other documents needed to analyze how money was spent.

"This lack of complete financial statements makes it more difficult for employees responsible for monitoring (program) funds to identify financial risks related to the financial position of the organization administering" that money, says the audit.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Red tape causes headaches for Olympic visitors

VANCOUVER

2010 Games

MEASURES As the International Olympic Committee pokes around Vancouver checking on preparations for this month's Games, they generally come away smiling.

But there's one thing that's raising some eyebrows — where's the medium-rare beef?

With restaurants following guidelines that say hamburgers can only be served well-done, IOC members used to having it their way are being told no way.

"Why must Canada suck the flavour out?" one IOC member grouched.

Vancouver may be known for a laid-back attitude that manifests itself at clothing-optional beaches and marijuana smoke-ins, but international groups



Vancouver 2010 volunteers direct traffic near the athletes' village in downtown Vancouver yesterday. International groups have been stymied by all the rules and regulations thrown their way.

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Media were caught off guard when they were told local hotels wanted to place

holds on their credit cards of up to \$100 per night per guest to cover incidentals and security deposits.

Several national Olympic committees were also left

floundering as local bylaws and immigration laws held up their attempts to set up pavilions to showcase their culture and their people.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Aboriginals assert hunting rights

ARCTIC Aboriginal hunters across the North are pushing back against attempts to conserve wildlife, launching court actions and legislative measures to stop the three territories from regulating the harvest of caribou and polar bears.

"Aboriginal people are very aware of their rights," said Bill Erasmus of the Dene Nation in Yellowknife, who faces legal action for hunting in defiance of a ban on taking caribou from the declining Bathurst herd in the central Arctic tundra.

Northern aboriginals de-

pend heavily on game for food, and wildlife issues are among the most politically sensitive in the Arctic. Aboriginal control over animals on their own lands is supposed to be guaranteed by a series of land claims and co-management agreements.

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Bright tone set for LRT

InTransit

Brian Gould

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Things are looking up for Edmonton's urban future, with council setting the right tone for LRT expansion and airport redevelopment.

As far as LRT goes, NAIT is the first priority, followed by the combined west and southeast lines — a decision that prioritizes strengthening existing urban areas. Extensions to Gorman and Heritage Valley in the outer suburbs are lower priorities, even though they're further along in the planning process.

There's some danger in putting them off, but Edmonton's too far behind in existing areas.

While council hasn't yet begun to rein in sprawl, deciding to close City Centre Airport last summer was a hint of things to come.

The motion promised "ecologically advanced, transit-oriented, medium- to high-density, mixed-use development."

Still, I was worried council didn't really mean it. Administration must have gotten the same idea, with their draft principles including uninspiring goals like "providing higher densities than typical suburban developments."

Thankfully the token gesture was panned by council. Coun. Karen Leibovici dismissed it as typical filler for any green-washed suburban development proposal, while Mayor Mandel proclaimed that "this is going to be the the most creative, innovative, and sustainable develop-

ment that exists in the world."

Creating such a neighbourhood will, of course, require tossing the typical approaches to transportation planning.

Along with prioritizing walking and bicycling, transit has a huge role to play.

To make it work, autos can't have the run of the place. The benefits of concentrating housing at stations are all but erased when the two are separated by multi-lane roads, parking lots, and poorly designed transit centres.

LRT must be the focus, but LRT alone isn't enough. Extending the discontinuous 118 Avenue through the site with frequent bus service or a streetcar (and few private cars) would

help knit the city back together, while on-site schools, stores, and jobs are needed to ensure that walking will take a healthy share of daily trips.

Coincidentally or not, three alternatives for the LRT extension from NAIT to the northwest are to be announced shortly with a decision in June.

Whatever the route, it needs at least one stop on the airport site — centrally located and preferably underground.

Then it's time for council to make good on their promise for a design competition.

To the city on behalf of a new generation of city planners and urban designers: Give us development principles daring enough — and a station around which to implement them — and we can move the world.

Brian Gould is a transportation planner and has served in a variety of roles with the Transit Riders' Union of Edmonton.

"Along with prioritizing walking and bicycling, transit has a huge role to play."



Worth mentioning

Canadians expect big bill for upcoming Games: Poll

VANCOUVER

2010 Games

Most Canadians believe the Vancouver Olympic and Paralympic Games will finish in the red, according to a new Canadian Press Harris-Decima poll.

In a survey conducted last month, 84 per cent of those polled indicated the Games, which begin Friday, will go over budget.

Just three per cent felt the Games would come in under budget and six per cent said they would break even.

"That was a pretty consistent view in all walks of life, in all parts of the country," said Harris-Decima senior vice-president Doug Anderson.

"It doesn't matter where you come from, what age you are, there are very few people who buy into the notion that this is going to be on budget, let alone under budget."

The telephone survey of 1,000 Canadians was con-

ducted Jan. 21-24 and has a margin of error of 3.1 per cent, 19 times out of 20.

Anderson said skepticism about the Games budget could be due to many things but it's probably anchored by persistent memories of the massive cost overruns for the 1976 Summer Olympics in Montreal.

The entire Games ran in the red despite assurances from then-mayor Jean Drapeau that they could not lose money any more than a man could have a baby.

The city finally paid off the debt on the Olympic stadium — the most onerous symbol of the problems

that plagued the Games — in 2006. The 1988 Calgary Winter Olympics actually turned a profit.

Vancouver Olympic organizers say they have not spent more than budgeted for venues, although the city of Richmond laid out tens of millions more to upgrade the speedskating facility and the city of Vancouver.

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Views

Plagiarizing poetry is the key to her heart

HineSight

Anne Hines

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With Feb. 14 fast approaching, today I provide support for readers who fall into the category known as, "special-occasion challenged" or, alternatively, "men."

True, not all men are special-occasion challenged. To find out if you are, answer this simple question.

To me, Valentine's Day is:

- A magical 24 hours when I can shower my partner with the love and appreciation she deserves.

- What?

If you choose b), help is at hand.

First, remember that your goal on Valentine's Day is to show your partner that you've thought about her.

And not only when you wondered who you could get to make snacks for poker night.

A classic way to do this is by creating something personal and artistic.

For "artistic," it's best to stick to poetry. Interpretive dance does not usually work so well except to give her something to share with her friends on YouTube.

Many men, when con-

fronted with the exciting challenge of writing poetry respond, "Can't I just chew off my arm instead?"

No. That kind of thing is hardly ever romantic. What you want is to give her something meaningful and heartfelt that expresses your love in terms only you could use. To achieve this, you simply have to steal it from someone else.

Stealing poetry is entirely OK. There's an old saying, "Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery ... except if you're making knock-off

handbags or watches, in which case it's illegal."

An important tip: The best poems to steal are ones that don't contain the words "booty" or "hot" or that you didn't get off either a washroom stall door or a site for Metallica lyrics.

Here are two suggestions: "Love is not love that alters when its alteration finds, nor bends with the remover to remove."

This is perfect for the woman you'd describe as "has never, ever read Shakespeare, so won't know I stole this."

So, this Valentine's Day gentlemen, remember this. Plagiarize a little poetry, and you'll steal your way into her heart.

Anne Hines is an author and humour writer. She has written three novels and one collection of nonfiction humour.

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Space shuttle launch delayed a day

Clouds prevented Endeavour from blasting off yesterday on the last planned nighttime shuttle launch. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

World

Deadly blast at U.S. plant

An explosion blew apart a power plant under construction as workers purged natural gas lines yesterday, killing at least five people and injuring a dozen or more in a blast that shook homes for miles, officials said.

Middletown Mayor Sebastian Giuliano said at a late-afternoon news conference that at least 12 people were injured.

Deputy Fire Marshal Al Santostefano told The Associated Press yesterday evening that crews were still searching for survivors in the rubble at the Kleen Energy Systems plant in Middletown, about 32 km south of Hartford.

Santostefano earlier said about 50 people were in the area yesterday morning when the explosion occurred. The mayor said at

Status of injured

- Officials had not released the conditions of the other injured people by late yesterday afternoon, but hospitals reported some seriously injured patients.

the news conference it was difficult to tell how many people were at the plant because multiple contractors were working on it with their own employee lists.

The 620-megawatt plant was being built to produce energy primarily using natural gas. Santostefano said workers for the construction company, O&G Industries, were purging the gas lines, a procedure he called a "blow-down," when the explosion occurred.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nato offensive a go in southern Afghanistan

AFGHANISTAN Minivans piled high with mattresses and clothing lined up at checkpoints yesterday as hundreds of civilians fled a Taliban-controlled area ahead of a planned NATO offensive in southern Afghanistan.

Militants, meanwhile, dug in for a fight, reinforcing their positions with rocket-propelled grenades and heavy weapons.

The U.S. military has not given a start date for the operation to clear insurgents from the Helmand province town of Marjah, the biggest community in the south under insurgent control and major opium-production centre with a population of 80,000.

It will be the first offensive since U.S. President Barack Obama announced he was sending 30,000 additional troops.

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Mary Knapp Seibel digs out her car as her dog Wolf sits close by in Bethesda, Md., yesterday. Cities in the Mid-Atlantic U.S. awoke to below-freezing temperatures and piles of snow while power crews tried to restore electricity to hundreds of thousands of homes.

Winter storm buries D.C., surrounding states

SNOW Residents of the U.S. capital and Mid-Atlantic states began digging out yesterday from piles of wet, heavy snow while crews tried to restore power to hundreds of thousands of homes and clear streets for work today.

The National Weather Service called the storm

"historic" and reported a foot of snow in parts of Ohio and two feet or more in Washington, Delaware, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Parts of Virginia, Maryland and West Virginia got closer to three feet.

Many roads reopened but officials continued to warn residents that high-

ways could be icy and treacherous. The snow snapped tree limbs onto power lines and several roofs collapsed under the weight. In Washington, city officials said it was unclear if the roads would be clear enough for workers to get in today.

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News in brief

ENGLAND Britain's Home Secretary says rules on student visas are being tightened to

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A 21-year-old man who was skiing alone in the Swiss Alps was buried beneath an avalanche for 17 hours before being pulled from the snow with only mild hypothermia, police said yesterday. He appeared to have survived because he was trapped next to a pocket of air. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Israel arrests two foreign protesters

Israeli troops broke down the door of an apartment in the Palestinian-ruled West Bank town of Ramallah yesterday and arrested two pro-Palestinian activists from Spain and Australia, their roommate said.

The Israeli military said the two women overstayed their visas, but also alleged they were involved in violent protests in the West Bank.

Their lawyer, Omer Shatz, said he believes the pair were targeted for what he described as peaceful protests against Israeli policies in the West Bank.

The two women are members of the International Solidarity Movement, which has been active in the Palestinian territories for several years.

Shatz said the women were in detention but that a judge issued an order

preventing their deportation. He identified them as Ariadna Jove Marti, 25, of Spain, and Bridgette Chappell, 21, of Australia.

The women's roommate, Ryan Olander, said about a dozen Israeli soldiers broke into the apartment before dawn yesterday, confiscated a laptop and two video cameras and told the women to pack up their things.

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Karzai considers conscription

SPEECH Afghan President Hamid Karzai said yesterday he is looking at instituting conscription to build an army big enough to provide security without international help.

Karzai told a conference of the world's top defence officials in Munich that he wants to build and train an army and police force of 300,000 by 2012 that will

be able to provide security for Afghanistan by 2015 without foreign help.

Within five years, "Afghanistan should be able to provide security for its people so we are no longer a burden on the shoulders of the international community," he said.

Last week, however, Afghanistan's defence

minister told reporters the army had no shortage of recruits and that there was no need to force people to serve. Gen. Abdul Rahim Wardak said the government could not implement conscription "in the current Afghan situation" but left open whether it could be instituted in the future.

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Whaling protest Collision at sea



There was a clash Saturday between a Japanese whaling ship, right, and a ship belonging to the Sea Shepherd anti-whaling group. The two vessels collided in the waters off Antarctica. It was the second major clash this year in the increasingly aggressive confrontations between the two sides. No one was reportedly injured in the latest incident.

Iran says 7 arrested were spies

ACCUSED Iran has arrested seven people linked to a U.S.-funded Farsi-language radio station for allegedly fomenting unrest, and accused some of the suspects of working for American spy agencies, Iranian state media reported yesterday.

The official IRNA news agency and Iran's state radio both cited an Intelligence Ministry statement saying the suspects played a role in violent anti-government demonstrations in Tehran on Dec. 27. On that day, at least eight people were killed and hundreds were arrested during

clashes between opposition supporters and security forces. The violence was the worst since authorities launched a harsh crackdown immediately after Iran's disputed presidential election in June.

IRNA quoted the ministry statement as saying "some of them have been officially hired by the U.S. intelligence agencies." State radio said the suspects were trained outside of Iran in sabotage, disturbing public order, spreading rumours and overthrowing a government by soft means.

It also said the seven planned to take part in opposition demonstrations expected on Feb. 11, when Iran marks the 31st anniversary of the Islamic Revolution that brought the country's hardline clerical establishment to power.

It did not identify the suspects or say when they were detained.

The arrests may be part of a government effort to discredit the opposition. Iran's rulers frequently accuse its opponents of being "stooges" of the country's enemies.

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43 homes damaged in L.A. mud slides

EVACUATED Crews waded through thigh-high mud to check for gas leaks and survey damage in the foothills north of Los Angeles yesterday as evacuated residents waited to find out if they could return to their homes and start digging out.

Forty-three homes in La Canada Flintridge, in the foothills north of Los Angeles were damaged and 500 more evacuated Saturday after mud and water overflowed basins and surged into streets, taking furniture, cars and concrete barriers with it. About 70 homes remained under evacuation

orders yesterday morning. "In my 20 years of fire service, this is the first time I've seen this much devastation caused by a weather system," Los Angeles County Fire Battalion Chief Mike Brown said while walking past suburban homes with thigh-deep mud in their yards.

Los Angeles County public works crews were using bulldozers and other heavy machinery to move boulders and clear roads.

Rainfall totals topped 10 centimetres in a 24 hour period in some areas, the National Weather Service said.

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Ahmadinejad eyes next nuclear step

ENRICHMENT Iran's president yesterday ordered his atomic agency to significantly enrich the country's stockpile of uranium, angering Western nations who want the Islamic republic to halt its nuclear program.

Mahmoud Ahmadinejad maintained, however, that Iran was also still willing to follow a U.N. plan to export its uranium abroad for further enrichment. Refining uranium produces nuclear fuel for a power plant but if carried out far enough can create material for a weapon.

The mixed messages from Tehran have infuriated the U.S. and its European allies, who claim Iran is only stalling for time as it attempts to build a nuclear weapon.

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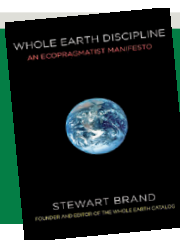
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Going Green

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Earth discipline

The book *Whole Earth Discipline* compiles reflections and lessons learned from more than 40 years of environmentalism in this compelling attempt to inspire practicable solutions to climate change. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

5 environmentally-friendly hotels

Luxury vacation destinations where the philosophy is: Less is more

ROMINA MCGUINNESS
Metro World News

Luxury isn't always extravagant.

Metro found five eco-hotels where they are showing that less is more.

1 The Scarlet, Cornwall United Kingdom

Built and designed in total harmony with the local environment of Cornwall in southwest Britain, the aim of the Scarlet is to offer its guest a maximum luxury with minimum impact. There are wood heated hot tubs overlooking the sea and local foods including wild mushroom toast, leek risotto and chocolate tart. There is no Internet or mobile phone access and no children. (scarlethotel.co.uk)

2 Three Camel Lodge Mongolia

In the shadow of the 47 million year old Mt. Bulag-tai volcanic outcrop, this is an eco haven. Energy is wind and solar and the lodge owns a well and vegetable patch. However, if the temperatures do drop a personal attendant will fire up the wood-burning stove. There are camel rides by day and Mongolian dancing by night. (threecamellodge.com)

3 La Montana Magica Chile

The hotel itself looks



Kolarbyn Eco Lodge in Sweden is a zero-carbon resort.

like the set of a Disney movie — a waterfall cascades from the top of a volcano shaped lodge built from local wood and stone.

The exterior is covered in shrubs, allowing it to effortlessly mesh with the local flora and fauna.

Try a dip in hot tubs carved out of tree trunks for the perfect tranquil moment. (huilohuilo.cl)

4 Kolarbyn Eco Lodge Sweden

Fabulously primitive Kolarbyn lodge means spending the night without electricity, sleeping on a sheepskin rug in a strange mud hut in a forest.

More fun than it sounds, it also means spending a candle lit night by the

beautiful Lake Skärnsjön. Wake up and collect wild blueberries for your pancakes or try the floating sauna on the lake. (kolarbyn.se)

5 Vamizi Island Mozambique

The resort was set up by a group of European private investors determined to create sustainable tourism on this tiny island.

It's paradise, of course, with crystal clear azure waters and porcelain sands — and with extremely low-impact.

The lodge is beautiful too, but you do pay an eco-surcharge to help with the the Maluane project which aims to preserve and protect the local wildlife. (vamizi.com)



This Ipswich farm is a testing ground for zero-carbon farming.

Creating zero-carbon farming

ROMINA MCGUINNESS
Metro World News

ENERGY Last year, Joanne Brannan set up the Oak Tree Farm project, housed in the United Kingdom, with the aim of cutting down on carbon footprint.

For the moment the Ipswich farm is nothing more than five hectares of bare field but she's planning her growing season this year.

"Three hectares are dedicated to the growing of vegetables and that's where the low carbon element comes in" said Brannan.

The fertilizer is locally made and the town council contributed by giving her wood chips. Once everything is in place, Brannan aims to deliver the vegetables to clients herself.

"People will be able to call me, order their vegetables and I will pick and deliver the produce on the same day using my bicycle trailer. I need to keep costs to a minimum so it helps I'm not wasting fuel or fertilizer," explained Brannan.

Making the farm commercially viable will be her biggest challenge although she has already made ties with her distributors.



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Goldman Sachs Group Inc. CEO Lloyd Blankfein is getting a \$9-million US stock bonus for 2009, a modest payday by Wall Street standards that appears aimed at quelling criticism of the bank's compensation practices. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Business in brief

PUBLISHING McGraw-Hill Ryerson Ltd. said Friday it earned \$3.6 million in its latest quarter and declared a special one-time dividend of \$2.50 per share. The dividend payment will be in addition to the company's normal quarterly dividend of 25.5 cents per share.

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MERGER Capital pool company Lander Energy Corp. said it plans to merge with Markham-based Intelligent Imaging International Ltd. in a share-swap deal. Intelligent Imaging is entering the commercial launch stage for its electro-optical digital imaging and vision system.

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Recall affects resale prices

Kelley Blue Book cuts value of pre-owned Toyota vehicles

Toyota's wilting reputation is beginning to affect the resale value of its vehicles, with Kelley Blue Book cutting its valuations by \$200 US to \$500 US, depending on the model.

The U.S.-based used-auto pricing service that helps consumers determine how much their pre-owned vehicles are worth, says it has lowered the resale value for the Toyota vehicles involved in the company's massive January recall by one to two per cent.

Toyota's recall over reports of a defective pedal will likely impact demand for used Toyotas, particularly because the problem has been linked to wear and tear on older vehicles.

In a survey on KBB's website, 20 per cent of people who were intending to buy a Toyota before the re-

Repairs underway

Fix takes about 30 minutes

- Toyota Canada dealerships began repairing priority vehicles last week and expect to replace all the defective accelerator pedals within the month.
- The solution is a simple one — installing reinforcement bars to eliminate excess friction — and only takes about 30 minutes to complete.
- Sales of the affected vehicles resumed on Friday.



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weeks has been overblown, but he expects it will have at least a short-term impact on the value of used Toyotas.

"Now people are rushing to get rid of them, and that would create an influx, a large number of vehicles all of a sudden for sale," said William Smith of RER Automobiles. He is also questioning how much he should pay for a vehicle that could be harder to sell.

However, the number of searches for Toyota vehicles on Autotrader.ca has stayed steady, indicating consumers are still interested in the brand. Scott Neil, director of online marketing at Trader Corp., which runs Autotrader.ca as well as the Auto Trader publication, said he hasn't noticed a change in pricing.

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call are no longer considering the brand, said Juan Flores, director of vehicle valuations at KBB.

The Japanese automaker also briefly halted sales and production of the affected vehicles, leading to a build-up of supply inventory, Flores said.

"When the supply returns, it will flood the market and that will put further pressure on prices."

The business manager of a used-car dealership in Oshtemo, Ont., said he thinks the negative publicity that has engulfed the company over the last couple of

Toyota planning to recall Prius in Japan, reports say

AUTOS Toyota said yesterday it will soon announce plans to deal with braking problems in its Prius hybrid amid reports it has decided to issue a recall for the vehicle in Japan.

The world's biggest automaker has told dealers in the United States it is preparing to repair the brakes on thousands of Prius vehicles there, according to an email sent by a company executive. It was unclear whether Toyota planned a U.S. recall.

Prius drivers in Japan and the U.S. have com-

plained of a short delay before the brakes kick in — a flaw Toyota says can be fixed with a software programming change. The lag occurs as the car is switching between brakes for the gas engine and the electric motor.

The new Prius model was released in May, and more than 300,000 have been sold.

The company blames a software glitch and says it has already fixed vehicles that went on sale since last month.

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TSX could feel heat

MARKET The Toronto stock market could see more selling pressure this week as investors weigh whether the most recent U.S. employment data will lead to a sustained economic recovery.

Worries about if some European countries can get huge deficits under control has further discouraged stock buyers and the question now is how far markets will retrace after almost a year of steady gains. The TSX is down about 4.5 per cent since the beginning of the year as U.S. President Barack Obama announced plans

to curb risky trading by U.S. banks and China raised the reserve requirements for banks to slow lending and cool a hot economy. Economic data on Friday showed the U.S. economy shed 20,000 jobs during January.

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Sapp released from jail

Former NFL star Warren Sapp was released from jail yesterday on \$1,500 US bond, a day after being arrested for allegedly choking a woman in his hotel room. Sapp was released at about 11 a.m. yesterday — when the NFL Network analyst would have been helping with Super Bowl coverage. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Sports

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Sharks beef up blue-line

The San Jose Sharks have bolstered their defence by acquiring Niclas Wallin, left, in a trade with the Carolina Hurricanes. San Jose also acquired a fifth-round pick and sent a second rounder to Carolina to complete yesterday's deal. The 34-year-old Wallin has played in 69 playoff games, the second-most in club history, helping the Hurricanes reach the Stanley Cup finals twice, winning it in 2006. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Jones wins third straight Scotties title

CURLING Make it three straight for Jennifer Jones at the Scotties Tournament of Hearts.

Jones and Team Canada beat Prince Edward Island's Kathy O'Rourke 8-7 in 11 ends yesterday to win the title.

Jones scored one in the 11th to give her rink a fourth Scotties title overall.

"I never thought we would do it," Jones said. "To win three is incredible. The way we won today, the way we came back was awesome."

P.E.I. held a 6-3 lead heading into the seventh end before Team Canada battled back to take a 7-6 lead.

"Obviously we were disappointed with the way we were playing," Jones said. "We're a scrappy team and we never give up. We made big shots when we had to so

we wanted to hang in there and make the shots to win. It just worked out well for us."

Jones stole a pair in the ninth end to take a 7-6 lead but P.E.I. scored one in the tenth end to force extra ends.

"Certainly we would have liked to make history and finish that off, but we gave it our best and it just turned out to be a couple inches short today," said O'Rourke.

O'Rourke wouldn't go as far as to say that inexperience played a role in the loss.

"We missed the draw against the two (in the ninth end)," she said. "The girls got fooled a little bit on the sweep and it got to the fudge part faster than we thought. The weight was perfect and we weren't really sweeping that hard. All of a sudden it got to the centre line and it just stopped. I don't think it was nerves at all. That's what happens sometimes."

Jones became just the third skip to win the tournament three straight times — Colleen Jones and Vera Pezer were the others. Colleen Jones is the only skip to have won the tournament four straight times.

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Saints march to first title

New Orleans' Brees named MVP after tying Super Bowl record

SUPER BOWL RESULTS

Colts 17 Saints 31



Put away those paper bags forever. Drew Brees and the Saints are NFL champions, rallying to upset Peyton Manning and the Indianapolis Colts 31-17 last night in one of pro football's most thrilling title games.

Brees tied a Super Bowl record with 32 completions, the last a two-yard slant to Jeremy Shockey for the winning points with 5:42 remaining. The Pro Bowl quarterback was chosen Super Bowl MVP.

"We just believed in ourselves and we knew that we had an entire city and maybe an entire country behind us," Brees said. "What can I say? I tried to imagine what this moment would be like for a long time and it's better than expected."

A surprise onside kick sparked the Saints' second-half comeback. Their 25th-ranked defence made several key stops, and Tracy Porter's 74-yard interception return on a pass from Manning, of all people, clinched it.

Manning gave futile chase, but was blocked by a New Orleans defender and fell awkwardly as the cornerback raced by. The four-time NFL MVP forlornly walked to the sideline as the Big Easy celebrations began. Who would have thought the biggest mistake of the game would have come from Manning?

"It's time for the Saints to celebrate," he said. "It's their field and it's their



New Orleans Saints cornerback Tracy Porter reacts as he returns an interception 74 yards for a touchdown against the Indianapolis Colts during the second half of last night's Super Bowl.

championship."

An NFL embarrassment for much of their 43 years, the Saints' football renaissance, led by Brees and coach Sean Payton, climaxed with Shockey's touchdown and Lance Moore's two-point conversion catch. The conversion pass originally was ruled incomplete, but Payton challenged the call and won.

Porter's pick, just as dramatic as his interception of Brett Favre's pass to force overtime in the NFC title

game, was the game's only turnover. It's one Manning will forever regret.

The Saints (16-3) won three post-season games this winter after winning only two in the previous 42 years. They beat Arizona, Minnesota and Indianapolis (16-3) — all division winners — for their first title, scoring 107 points and allowing only 59.

The championship came four years after Hurricane Katrina ravaged New Orleans, making the Saints no-

mads for the 2005 season. There even was some doubt they would return, but the NFL refused to abandon the Big Easy. The Superdome was rebuilt and the Saints won the NFC South in '06, their first season with Brees and Payton.

That was the season Manning won his only Super Bowl. He had the Colts in front for much of this one, but New Orleans' league-leading offence outscored Indy 31-7 after falling behind 10-0. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Jubilant fans throng the streets in New Orleans

CELEBRATION Saints fans hugged, kissed and spilled onto the streets yesterday as a city-wide party erupted after their once woebegone NFL franchise defeated the Indianapolis Colts in the Super Bowl.

French Quarter crowds, beefed up by tourists in town for Carnival season and by those wanting to experience the euphoria of a

Saints victory, poured onto Bourbon Street to celebrate in a scene that looked more like Fat Tuesday than a Sunday night. The Saints won 31-17 in the franchise's first appearance in the big game.

As a brass band played When the Saints Go Marching In inside Irvin Mayfield's Jazz Playhouse, revellers jumped up and down, stood on chairs and tables

and waved black and gold umbrellas.

"This is so awesome," said Darlene Milliet as she hugged her sister, Cindy Lasser, both of them crying in the French Quarter. "I can't believe it!"

Vince Scanil, a Tampa Bay Buccaneers fan in town for an anniversary weekend with his wife, said he remembered how special it

was when his team won their first Super Bowl, but it seemed extra special for New Orleans, a city that suffered so much after Hurricane Katrina.

"Our hearts pour out for them. What a great city to win it," he said as he watched revellers.

"It's a heartwarming thing, the Saints."

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Sports in brief

SOCCER Chelsea beat Arsenal 2-0 yesterday to stay ahead of Manchester United in the race for the Premier League title. Victory lifted the Blues to 58 points, two more than defending champion United and nine more than third-place Arsenal.

NASCAR Danica Patrick is expected to announce today if she will enter the Nationwide Series race at Daytona International Speedway on Feb. 13.

NCAA Florida State University says it will vacate a 2007 bowl victory and 11 regular season football wins, along with dozens more across 10 men's and women's sports, because of NCAA sanctions.

ARREST Officials say Miami Dolphins defensive tackle Tony McDaniel is out of jail after being arrested and accused of domestic violence. McDaniel was released yesterday on \$3,500 US bond.

Authorities say McDaniel returned from a night out with friends and then got into a fight with his girlfriend early Saturday at his home in Davie, which is near Miami.

BASEBALL Puerto Rico has defeated Mexico 8-2, forcing the Dominican Republic to win its final game against Venezuela to clinch the Caribbean Series.

CRICKET South Africa put match strategy ahead of chasing records as it declared its first innings at 558-6 on day two of the second Test against India yesterday. The total was five runs short of South Africa's biggest ever score against India.

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Olympic organizers are delaying more training sessions on Cypress Mountain as they continue to move and store snow in advance of the Vancouver Games. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Vancouver Games

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Games in brief

FLAG Australia won't have to take down its giant "boxing kangaroo flag" from the athletes' village for the Vancouver Olympics. Australian Olympic Committee president John Coates says a deal was reached yesterday with the In-

ternational Olympic Committee to keep the flag up for the duration of the games. The green and gold flag has been hanging from a balcony from the Australian team's living area in the village since last Sunday. The Australians had

been under pressure to take it down because it was deemed too commercial and a registered trademark. But Coates says IOC president Jacques Rogge told him the flag can stay.

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Will Olympics become 'Vonn-couver Games?'

Big things expected from U.S. skier Lindsey Vonn

Maybe the only thing more brilliant than Lindsey Vonn's skiing is her personality.

The woman who can be ruthless in winning World Cup events is intelligent, articulate and photogenic at the finish line. Combine Vonn's persona with her potential to win three or more gold medals and she easily could become the international face of the Vancouver Winter Olympics.

Think Michael Phelps in a parka. Get ready for the "Vonn-couver Games."

"Lindsey Vonn is the one athlete I can think of that would be a face of the Games not only in North America, but in Europe and the Far East," says veteran broadcaster Brian Williams, who will cover his 13th Olympics. "She is so well known in Europe and so dominant in women's skiing."

Vonn, of Vail, Colo., has won nine World Cup races this season in downhill, super-giant slalom and the combined event. The 25-year-old is also the two-time defending overall World Cup champion.

Crowning an American queen of the ski hill would boost NBC's television ratings much like Phelps' swimming did during the last Summer Games when his eight gold medals made him king of the pool.

NBC has already made Vonn the centre of its marketing campaign for the Games. The network helped sponsor a contest for people



Lindsey Vonn takes first place during the Audi FIS Alpine Ski World Cup Women's Super-G on Jan. 31 in St. Moritz, Switzerland.

"I am skiing really well right now, but anything can happen on race day."

Lindsey Vonn

to design the artwork on her Olympic race helmet.

Vonn seems content to play along with the hype, but understands the nature of ski racing.

"I haven't given any thought to even the possibility of winning more than one medal at the Olympics because it is going to be re-

ally tough," she said during a recent conference call.

"Nothing is guaranteed in ski racing. I am skiing really well right now, but anything can happen on race day. All I am doing is preparing myself the best I can. I hope all the pieces come together for race day."

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Holland College joins Project Hero

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Workology

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McGill goes big with Wikipedia

In what might be the first officially sanctioned Wikipedia club on a post-secondary campus, Students Supporting Wikipedia was recently granted interim status from McGill University's student government. The main purpose of the club is to raise funds and contribute information to the online encyclopedia. The group hopes one of its continuing moneymakers will be on-campus donation boxes with the message, "If you used Wikipedia today, put in a quarter." **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Meet the guardian of the Olympic torch

OddJobs

Diane Peters



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This winter, thousands of lucky Canadians have had the honour of carrying the Olympic torch for a kilometre or two.

But Jeff Simpkins has travelled with the flame for thousands of kilometres across Canada and back.

As one of just five torch escorts working the entire relay, this police officer knows how lucky he is. "It's pretty amazing. It's neat to see Canada this way."

Simpkins, 48, is from Belleville, Ont., and thought about joining the police force as a young man. He studied chemistry and worked in research for a few years. Then, about 23 years ago, he walked into a

police station in his hometown and applied. "I walked in in October, and started in March. And I've never looked back since."

Working for the Ontario Provincial Police, Simkin has been stationed across the province, and has been based in Orillia since 2001. He currently works with the Aboriginal

Policing Bureau.

On his own time, Simpkins is a runner. He began long distance running when he was in grade 10 and also has never looked back. He does ultramarathons now: Races that go for 50 kilometres or more.

"Most people know me as a bit of a running freak," says Simpkins.

That's why one of his senior officers ask him, many months ago, if he would work with the RCMP to escort the flame across Ontario. He accepted, and while doing a training camp for the job, filled out a form that asked if he'd be interested in acting as a commander for the entire run. "I, like most people, said yes, thinking it wasn't going to happen."

A week after he got home, he got an email telling him he'd been selected.

He started his job on Oct. 30 in Victoria. His days begin as early as 4:15 a.m.. Simpkins and his team are primarily responsible for the safety of

The Lowdown

Job title: Torch escort.

Salary: Part of his job as a police officer.

Education/training: Must be a trained officer and must be a runner.

Best Part of the Job: "Having the opportunity to see how truly beautiful this country is and experiencing the people at the same time."

Worst Part of the Job: "Being short on sleep."

the flame and the bearers. His work varies between running alongside the torch (he can cover as much as 45 km a day), assisting torchbearers, dealing with small tasks that need to be done and riding in the convoy as it drives to the next town.

Days end around 7 p.m. By the time he eats dinner and spends an hour or so planning the schedule for the next day, it's time for bed by 11 or 12.

He gets little rest and just a few days off here and there, but he's not exhausted. He knows his last day of work is Feb 12, and then he flies home the next day. "Then it's back to normal work."

Diane Peters once hawked magic pens at the Canadian National Exhibition. She's now a writer and part-time journalism instructor.

Four-in-10 don't fit in

EMPLOYMENT Do your co-workers' crazy antics make you question how you fit in at your current job? According to a new CareerBuilder survey, four-in-10 workers said they feel that they don't fit in with their colleagues.

Comparing genders, more women (42 per cent) than men (37 per cent) report that they feel they don't always fit in with their cube mates. When it comes to industries, health care, sales and professional and business services top the fields where workers feel that they don't fit in with their colleagues, followed by leisure/hospitality and IT.

As part of this Careerbuilder survey, workers shared some of the craziest things their co-workers have done on the job:

- Co-worker ate the cheese off the pizza box at a company meeting.
- Co-worker talks openly

ly about flatulence.

- Co-worker in the cubicle next to me wears 3-D glasses with the lenses removed.

- Co-worker repeatedly bangs a mallet on the table for no apparent reason.

- Co-worker whistles eight hours a day.

- Co-worker chews tobacco and spits it into empty soda bottles.

- Former boss brought a baby sippy cup to a meeting and started drinking out of it.

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Taylor Lautner is now no longer just a hulking werewolf. He will soon embody Hasbro's popular '80s toy in Universal's adaptation of *Stretch Armstrong*. The movie, to be produced by Brian Grazer, will be released in 2012 in 3-D. EW.COM

Lautner stretches out

Entertainment

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Crow a Cougar

Sheryl Crow is moving into *Cougar Town*. The Grammy winner, 47, has scored a role on the ABC comedy as the love interest of Courteney Cox's character's recently divorced neighbour. USMAGAZINE.COM

Going for the gold

Warm up for Vancouver with these Olympic-themed films

VANCOUVER

2010 Games

With the Winter Olympics just days away, put yourself in the mood with a few movies documenting the thrill of the medal chase. Here's a look at cinema's take on the biggest event in sports.

BLADES OF GLORY Slapstick comedy meets pairs skating in this ludicrous 2007 farce from Will Ferrell and Jon Heder about rival skaters who team up to compete in the World Winter Sport Games. Ferrell plays the cocky Chazz Michael Michaels, while Heder is his one-time adversary Jimmy MacElroy. When their on-ice animosity goes too far they are banned from singles competition and take desperate measures to reclaim skating glory.

CHARIOTS OF FIRE Perhaps the most critically ac-

claimed of all Olympics-themed films, this 1981 tale about two runners preparing for the 1924 Games was nominated for seven Academy Awards, nabbing the prize for best picture. It's impossible to hear the famous theme song by Vangelis without catching the Olympic spirit.

COOL RUNNINGS A perfect prelude to the Vancouver Games, this 1993 gem looks at the plucky Jamaican bobsled team that charmed fans during the Calgary Olympics in 1988. Includes a standout performance by the late John Candy as Irv Blitzer, the down-on-his-luck bookie who agrees to coach the team.

CUTTING EDGE Another story that echoes the '88 Games, *Cutting Edge* opens with American hockey player Doug Dorsey (D.B. Sweeney) taking a brutal hit during a game against West Germany. Long before *Battle of the Blades* made it cool for hockey players to



Jon Heder and Will Ferrell team up for laughs in *Blades of Glory*.

figure skate, Dorsey reinvents himself as one-half of a figure-skating pair with the imperious Kate Moseley (Moira Kelly). Although there was also a *Cutting Edge* 2 and 3, it's hard to beat the charm of the 1992 original.

ICE CASTLES There are two versions of this figure-skating tear-jerker to choose from — the 1978 original, featuring Lynn-Holly Johnson and Robby Benson, and the straight-to-DVD update starring real-life figure skater Taylor Firth and actor Rob Mayes. Both follow the same routine, with promising skater Alexis Winston leaving her small

town with Olympic dreams to train under a renowned coach and become a champion ice skater. When a freak accident leaves her blind, the teen must dig deeper than ever to find the strength to dream big.

MIRACLE This flag-waving 2004 crowd-pleaser traces the unlikely triumph of a ramshackle U.S. hockey team over the intimidating Soviet squad at the 1980 Winter Games in Lake Placid, N.Y. Kurt Russell earned critics' praise for his portrayal of no-nonsense coach Herb Brooks, while the young athletes who portray the team hit the rink with an authenticity rarely

seen on the big screen.

PERSONAL BEST Running and romance mingle in this 1982 drama, better known for its risque lesbian storyline than its account of female athletics despite strong critical praise at the time. Mariel Hemingway and real-life track star Patrice Donnelly star as two highly competitive athletes training for the 1976 Montreal Games.

PREFONTAINE The tragic struggle of middle-distance runner Steve Prefontaine is laid bare in this 1997 retelling, which stars Jared Leto of *My So-Called Life*. The record-setting athlete makes it to the 1972 Mu-

nich Olympics, but a terrorist attack kills several athletes and leaves him shaken. He returns to the United States without a medal and becomes an outspoken advocate for amateur athletes. While training for the 1976 Summer Olympics in Montreal, he dies in a car accident at the age of 24.

RUNNING BRAVE This against-all-odds tale from 1983 focuses on long-distance runner Billy Mills, who pulled off a massive upset at the 1964 Tokyo Olympics when he claimed the gold medal for the United States. Robby Benson plays the Sioux athlete, whose rise to legendary status came despite virulent racism in the '60s and the dominance of established champions from Australia, New Zealand and the Soviet Union.

INTERNATIONAL VELVET In this 1978 sequel to the 1944 Elizabeth Taylor classic *National Velvet*, Velvet Brown has grown up and is guardian to her orphaned niece, Sarah Brown. Hostile and immature, the teen, played by a 14-year-old Tatum O'Neal, finds solace in her love of horses. With the help of a dedicated equestrian trainer played by Anthony Hopkins and the support of her aunt and uncle (Christopher Plummer), Sarah trains for the Olympics and becomes a champion horse racer.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Here, there and Foursquare

Socialite

Rea McNamara

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Nicole Mitchell-Duff is the mayor of thirty-two places in Edmonton — on Foursquare, that is.

The location-based social networking game lets users connect with friends and "check in" their downtown whereabouts. Frequent a venue enough, and becoming the mayor of that location is within reach: That's how she became mayor of the Star-

bucks in her Central McDougall neighbourhood.

While the thought of making your daily GPS-pin-pointed travels fodder for yet another status update feed sounds too much of an overshare, it's worth noting that Foursquare — with 300,000 users worldwide — is fast becoming what many are predicting as the next Twitter.

Mitchell-Duff — who works in experiential marketing and also uses Twitter and Tumblr — uses Foursquare as a crowd-sourced city guide. It's how she found out about the recent re-opening of the Art Gallery of Alberta and a ton of new brunch spots: "It's definitely given me an opportunity, or rather a reason, to explore my neighbourhood and (find) new

things to do."

Which is why Mitchell-Duff added a new Foursquare friend — Metro Canada. The partnership has spurred much attention, as

it's the first news outlet the one-year-old platform has partnered with.

What's it like to be friends with Metro? During a weekend shopping trip at the West Edmonton Mall, Mitchell-Duff got a Metro "tip" on her iPhone to venture into the food court and try a vermicelli bowl at the Urban Foodie-approved Hoang Long Noodle House.

There's also the Metro "badge" that she recently unlocked, an in-game status symbol that marks you an advanced Foursquarer. (Mitchell-Duff is second on Edmonton's

Badge 101

• If Foursquare makes going out a game, then badges are the bragging rights. They range from the introductory (your first check-in warrants a "Newbie" badge) to the advanced (four party stops in a night? You're "Crunked"). Then there's the geo-specific (psst! three morning check-ins near a

transit stop will get you the "Metro" badge!) Then there's Bravo TV's recent partnership with Foursquare, which means you'll see badges rewarding American viewers who dine out on Top Chef eats and shop at Real Housewife-approved haunts. How's that for social currency?

top 100 Foursquare leaderboard.) Local Mayor deals announced every Friday in the paper finally provide discounts for those frequent check ins.

Eventually, predicts Robyn Payne, Metro Canada's marketing and research manager, the Urban Foodie tips will include geo-targeted news to provide further context to downtown exploration. "We want to tie the local news and facts into locations," she says.

While Mitchell-Duff's quick to note a few kinks — she wishes there were more downtown tips, and tips were filtered by the city users are in — she's hoping that the newspaper at the very least gets more players in town and making mayorship more competitive: "I'm kind of itching to organize an Edmonton Foursquare Meet-up."

Rea McNamara writes about the on/offline statuses of riches and subcultures. Follow her on Twitter @reaw





Liam Gallagher's new band won't be called Oasis because it's a "s— name," femalefirst.co.uk reports. The rocker has been busy working on a new album with his fellow former Oasis bandmates — except brother Noel. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Celebrity Buzz

etalk's Lainey Lui dishes out celeb dirt in three's



Three Talk

with Lainey Lui

COURTNEY LOVE. Courtney Love frequently lays out her life on Facebook and Twitter, posting incoherent ramblings that read like a psychedelic online journal. While most of her scandal-ridden life has been embarrassingly and dramatically public — she recently lost custody of her daughter Frances Bean — here are three things you might not know about Love:

ONE She auditioned for the Mickey Mouse Club when she was 12 years old. Not surprisingly, she was not called back after reading a poem by Sylvia Plath.

TWO Love dated Edward Norton for four years, her longest relationship, after dumping Gavin Rossdale. She claims Rossdale sent her a diamond ring that she ended up throwing into the Mississippi River, an act that she suggests eventually freed him for Gwen Stefani.

THREE She desperately wanted to play Satine in Moulin Rouge, a role that was written for Nicole Kidman. Love bitterly berated Kidman in an elevator following the release of the film, arguing that she could have performed it much better.

Lainey Lui is a reporter for etalk and runs the popular gossip site, LaineyGossip.com. As part of CTV's Olympic Broadcast Team, Lainey is on the ground in Whistler reporting on entertainment news from the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Winter Games.

etalk

A big birthday Butler

MAKES FOR A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY GIRL Jennifer Aniston headed to one of her favourite getaway spots, Los Cabos, Mexico, on the weekend where the actress got a jump start celebrating her 41st birthday — Anis-



ton's big day is

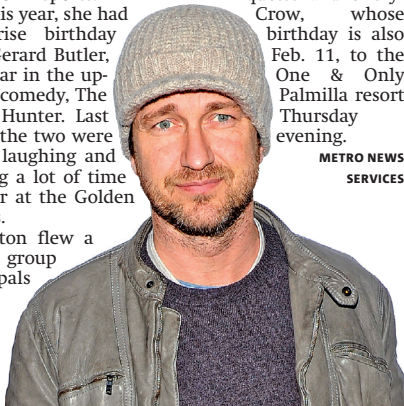
actually this Thursday — with a group of friends, people.com reports.

But this year, she had a surprise birthday guest, Gerard Butler, her costar in the upcoming comedy, The Bounty Hunter. Last month, the two were spotted laughing and spending a lot of time together at the Golden Globes.

Aniston flew a large group of pals in-

cluding Butler, Courteney Cox, her husband David Arquette and Sheryl Crow, whose birthday is also Feb. 11, to the One & Only Palmilla resort Thursday evening.

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Flippant about flipping

I CALL HEADS. NO, TAILS. NO, HEADS! When it comes to divorce settlements, Kate Walsh is a real innovator, usmagazine.com reports.

Following a reportedly tough round of negotiations, a judge ruled Friday that Walsh and her ex-husband



Alex Young will divide some of their shared assets with — literally — a coin toss.

As reported at E! News, court papers say that some of the former couple's belongings will "be divided by alternating picks after the flip

of a coin to determine who will pick first."

In the rest of the divorce settlement announced Friday, Young will receive \$627,000 US from the Private Practice star, and half of her pay between the start of her Sept. 2007 marriage through their November 2008 separation.

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Kristen's big day in court

MAKING TROUBLE An otherwise normal run of jury duty for Kristen Stewart may end up causing one security guard his job. The Twilight star served on a three-day trial in Los Angeles last week and on her last day agreed to pose for a photo with a security guard, according to E! Online. The man reportedly allowed a friend's wife to post the photo on Facebook, and now they both may be in hot water.

"Right now my husband and the security guard are in trouble for (the picture) having gone up," the man's wife reportedly posted online after removing the photo. "It is confidential when celebrities are in court."

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Face to face

AS IN, SHE WANTS HER Jessica Alba is usually flattered by compliments on her looks, but this may be taking things to far. A Chinese woman is reportedly planning a plastic surgery makeover to look more like the Valentine's Day actress in hopes of winning back her lover, according to the Associated Press. Alba admits she finds it distressing.

"I think you should never have to change yourself like that," the actress says. "If somebody loves you, they'll love you no matter what."

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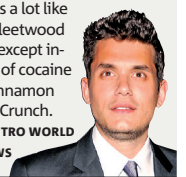
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CelebTweets

NICOLE "SNOOKI" POLIZZI prefers interacting with people online, **JERMAIN DUPRI** sees the upside of a hangover, **SHERRI SHEPHERD** hopes God is willing to negotiate, and **JOHN MAYER** parties like a different kind of rock star. @Snooki Sittin in the airport is annoying. Some guy just came up n poked me — this isn't facebook bro @LTLLine I feel sorry for people that don't drink cause when they wake up thas the best they gonna feel all day @SherriEShepherd Lord thank you for blessing me 2 wake up today but do I still have 2 go 2 the gym? I'm sick... not enough of an excuse? @johncmayer My life on the road is a lot like '70s Fleetwood Mac, except instead of cocaine it's Cinnamon Toast Crunch.

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Tiger comes out swinging

FOR HIS FAMILY. SEE? THE REHAB WORKED Tiger Woods has left the rehab facility in Mississippi where he's allegedly been staying to treat his sex addiction, according to Radar Online.

He headed home to Florida with wife Elin Nordegren to be briefly reunited with his two children, who he hasn't seen in six weeks.

The couple reportedly now want to spend time alone working on salvaging their relationship.

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Creepily crushing on Keira

BUT HE JUST WANTS TO LOOK AT YOU ... AND LOOK ... AND LOOK. IS THAT TOO MUCH TO ASK? Keira Knightley felt "threatened" by a man arrested on suspicion of stalking her, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The British actress called police last Thursday after she was constantly bothered by 41-year-old Mariek

Daniluk, who would regularly turn up at the theatre to see her.

A source told



The Sun newspaper: "He did not make any specific threats to her but she was concerned enough to call the police."

Police have confirmed the man was arrested outside the theatre over harassment allegations.

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Afternoon Clouds
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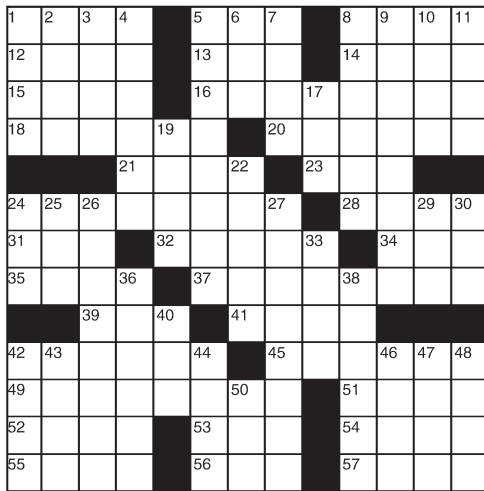
Morning Clouds
-5°C / -15°C

Wednesday

Mostly Cloudy
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ACROSS

1 Legs (SL.)
5 Gratuity
8 Competent
12 Six-sided state
13 Singer Sumac
14 Close up tight
15 Optimistic
16 "War of the Worlds" invaders
18 Maintenance
20 Main course
21 Health resorts
23 "My country, — of thee"
24 Drinks garnished with olives
28 Distort
31 "Rocks"
32 Points
34 Eisenhower nickname
35 Skillful
37 Strict disciplinarian
39 Historic time
41 Tale-teller
42 Arose
45 Cancer or Capricorn
49 Home-run

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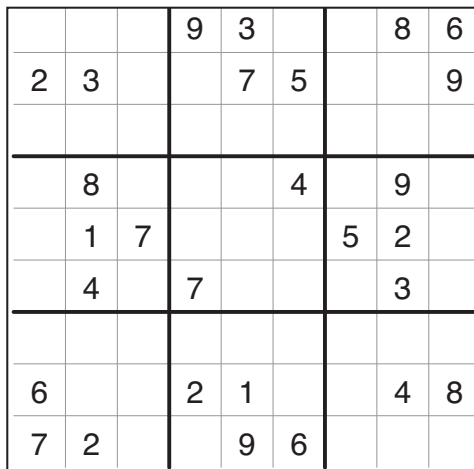
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10 Memory —
11 Differently
17 Potent stick
19 Grand story
22 Rope fiber
24 Central
25 Expert
26 Source of a second opinion
27 White wine + soda water
29 — out a living
30 Drenched
33 Celebrity
36 "We hold these — to be ..."
38 Funny, in a way
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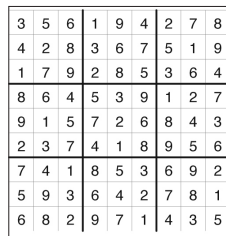
Sudoku

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Green Gazpacho with Hot-smoked Salmon

METHOD:

1. Put pepper, cucumber, onion, avocado, garlic, parsley, stock, vinegar and oil in food processor or blender. Season, then process until smooth.
2. Keep covered in refrigerator until needed, then ladle into serving bowls and add strips of salmon to each bowl.

INGREDIENTS:

1 large green pepper, chopped
1 cucumber, trimmed and chopped
1 onion, chopped
1 ripe avocado, halved, pitted and peeled
1 garlic clove, chopped
6 tbsp (90 mL) fresh flat-leaf parsley
2 1/2 cups (625 mL) vegetable stock
3 tbsp (45 mL) balsamic vinegar
3 tbsp (45 mL) extra virgin olive oil
8 oz (250 g) hot-smoked salmon, strips.

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ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20

Be true to yourself, even if it means falling out with someone you would prefer to stay on good terms with.



TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21

Today's marvelous idea could be tomorrow's costly mistake, so don't commit yourself to anything for the time being.



LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23

If you go to extremes you will encourage others to be extreme as well — and the situation will get out of hand quicker than you thought possible.



SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22

A week or so from now you will know for certain if something you have been working on stands a realistic chance of success.



GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21

You will undoubtedly feel sorry for someone you meet today but what they really need is something to get them motivated again.



SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21

Today's cosmic set-up warns you must not push yourself too hard physically, nor allow your emotions to dictate your actions.



CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22

You are taking a certain person far too seriously. It doesn't matter what they say is the right way to go about things, you must stay true to your instincts.



CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20

Capricorn is a cardinal sign, meaning you are a leader rather than a follower, so start a new trend and you'll be the talk of the town.



LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23

You don't like to compromise but just this once it might be wise to meet a rival halfway, especially if they may be able to help further your ambitions.



AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18

It's good to be honest but you must not be cruel. There is nothing to be gained from damaging a loved one's ego.



VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22

This looks like being a wonderful week but it could be more wonderful still if you deal with a work-related issue immediately.



PISCES

FEB 19-MARCH 20

Chances are you will clash with someone in a position of power either today or tomorrow. If they are truly professional they will thank you for it.



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1915: D.W. Griffith's controversial film The Birth of a Nation premieres in Los Angeles.

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